

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Bagchi et al.**

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For: **Dynamic Online Multi-Parameter
Optimization System and Method for
Autonomic Computing Systems**

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Prior to continued examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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